

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2013 – 7:00pm

Ray Kloeckner, Chairman

Robert Fix, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sherriff, Mike Kreke, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00pm on January 22, 2013.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Albers, Cain, Fix, Heiligenstein, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Michael, Nordike, Rakers, Rakers, Richter, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wessel.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No Report.

6. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

No Report.

7. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

No Report.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee

1. Zoning Report – Joyce Lucas

II. Motion - Hogg's Subdivision

Richter made a motion to approve the subdivision. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Economic Development

Rakers handed out the State of Illinois House of Representatives 97th General Assembly House Resolution No. 1022. The Highway 50 Resolution passed by the House of Representatives was presented to President of the United States, Barack Obama.

c. Tourism Committee

No Report.

d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste

No Report.

e. Facilities Committee

The Committee met on January 3, 2013. They discussed issues with some of landscaping in spring. They are looking to increase the size of the landscape rocks in the courtyard. The cost difference would be approximately \$300. The Courthouse and Sheriff's Department phone system was also discussed. A lightning strike in September/October damaged the system. They were only able to get it working with used parts, as the old phone system has parts that are obsolete. If it goes down again, it could take down the entire system. They are looking to replace the entire system to take care of courthouse, Sheriff's Department, Health Department and maybe Highway Department. They talked to 911 committee about looking at different ways to improve 911 system. February 7th is next Facilities meeting and will be discussed again. Sherriff Kreke sent out an email to all the department heads asking for feedback about a possible new system. He said most department heads responded. Sheriff Kreke talked to the insurance company about the damaged system. The insurance company said they will pay for everything to fix the system and get the system to wear it was prior to the storm. Kloeckner said it is also being looked into to lease or lease to own the system. Fix said rough estimates to replace the system could range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The county could lease the equipment for 60 months for \$700 to \$900 per month.

f. Insurance/ICIT

Richter reported the first month of fiscal year with new annual budget is \$1,120,00. The health insurance line saw expenditures of \$120,000 last month. This is \$27,000 or 2.4 % over budget. With reimbursements, the total amount spent is \$105,000 or 1.03% over budget. Fund 025 balance as of December 31, 2012 is \$356,000. Fund 016 workers comp fund has a balance of \$194,388. ICIT 2001 current estimate of liability is \$57,000 or 7% of total liability of \$810,000. Clinton County has 4 of the total claims open. There are currently 19 claims open. ICIT 2009 has 6 counties with 24 open claims. Clinton County has 4 open claims for this year as well. The amount of trust assets being held for estimated liability is \$497,000. The next ICIT meeting is February 20, 2013 at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights.

g. Assessment Committee

Jim Rakers reported the Committee met on January 2nd. Commercial properties are completed through November 2011. Transfer declarations for properties sold in 2011 through December. 2012 through November, not to include December, was 633, which is down 167. 2011-2012 farm assessments will be going up 10%. Property tax appeals are still pending for 2008, 2009 and 2010. There are not any noted for 2011. 2012 assessment notices will be mailed on January 16th or 23rd. Jim Rakers said he had a lengthy discussion with Linda Mensing, Supervisor of Assessments. He had asked her why some businesses were seeing a 50% to 300% increase in evaluations. Rakers said Mensing informed him that the program now used was put in place 2007 and it is the first time it was used to evaluate commercial property. The taxes are based on market data, cost to

rebuild the property, or income the property can generate for the owner. This is all based on fair market value. Rakers felt it has put large burden on businesses with the economy the way it is today. Also, the state has raised the farm ground 10% for 2011, 2012 and 2013. He encouraged all tax payers who feel like they are being over assessed to visit assessment office and find out exactly what they are being assessed for. You can fill out a property assessment complaint and turn in before February 15th for review. The next assessment meeting is on February 6th at 6:30 if tax payers would like to ask Linda any questions. Linda Mensing approached the board to speak. She said commercial properties were revalued based on market value. She said there are properties that have increased quite a bit because some haven't been revalued in 15-20 years. The properties were entered into the computer by square footage. Some properties had additional square footage or new additions that were added to the properties that were not in the system. Some of the lands and commercial properties in Breese, Lookingglass and Brookside were revalued because they had not been done in several years. Mensing stressed that anyone that thinks their property has been over assessed to come into her office and get a property record card and file a complaint. February 15th is the last day to file a complaint. She said if businesses need some additional time to get an appraisal, they get an extension till March 7th to get that done. She said taxpayers can call or get on the county website for information or complaint forms. 2013 work must be started and in by June 15th. Seniors are also calling and wanting to know where their senior exemptions are. Mensing said her office is doing the best job they can with the office staff that we have. Charlie Rakers asked Mensing if there is anything the county can do to adjust this, he is concerned about businesses not coming to Clinton County. Mensing said by law, everything should be valued at 33 1/3 percent. She said her office is trying to get properties valued at market value it keeps the county from getting any township multipliers which hurts everybody. The state can come in and put a positive or negative factor. She did not put any township factors on the properties, but the state can still come in after she sends all reports in. Mensing said her intention was not hurt any business or run any business out, but try to come up with a fair market value on the property. Simpson asked Mensing if it would have been fair to raise it a little bit every year instead of one big jump all at once. Mensing said if the properties would have been reassessed every 4 years, it would have been a gradual raise. Mensing said she is trying to bring things current to where it should be. Kloeckner reminded everyone the next Assessment meeting is February 6th at 6:30 if anyone has any questions or a comment, that is what those meetings are for. Mensing said she will try and answer all general questions, but if anyone is looking for individual information, they will have to come to the office.

h. County Farm Committee

The Committee met on January 9th and opened up bids a 3 year lease for the county farm ground. The highest bid was from Stephen Thole at \$259 an acre.

1. Motion - County Farm Lease

Wessel made a motion to approve the highest bid from Stephen Thole. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- i. Education Committee
The Committee met on January 3rd. Keri and Bryan provided an overview for the regional office of education for the new members and returning members. They also discussed funding, legislative and program updates. The next meeting is on March 7th at 6:30pm.
- j. Veterans Committee
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee
The Committee met on January 9th. They discussed the courthouse and Sheriff's department phone system. The next meeting is February 13, 2013.
 - 1. Treasurer's monthly report
Treasurer, Denise Trame reported the annual tax sale is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:30am. We received oil checks for \$11,331.27.
 - a. Motion - Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Fix made a motion to approve the monthly budget and financial report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report
Cain made a motion to approve the monthly health department report. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- l. General Services/Judiciary Committee
No Report.
- m. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor
No Report.
- n. Road and Bridge Committee
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer Report
County Engineer, Dan Behrens gave his monthly report. Lookingglass Township has a bridge on Court Road that is getting worse. The sign replacement program is completed and all agencies have certified they are completed. We have sent bill into state for our reimbursement.
 - 2. Motion – Petition and ICC Order for a sidewalk crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railroad along County Highway 8 in Albers. Heiligenstein made a motion to approve the petition. Richter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 3. Motion – Resolution 2013-01-01 to Award Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Kloeckner (Abstain); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).

4. Motion – Resolution 2013-01-02 to Award County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Yes); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Kloeckner (Abstain); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Rakers (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).
5. Motion – Approval To Take Bids For A New Mowing Tractor
Holtgrave made a motion to approve taking bids for a new mowing tractor. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

9. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging
The Committee met on January 10th. The Board discussed strategy plans, public hearing locations and grant cycles.
- b. County Health
No Report.
- c. GIS Committee
The Committee met on January 7th. All bills were in order. The next meeting is on February 4th.
- d. 911 Committee
The Committee met on January 9th. They discussed some new equipment for the 911 center. Some of the equipment has been there since the beginning of 911. The next meeting will be on February 13th.
- e. UCCI
Sullivan reported the next meeting is on January 23rd in Springfield.
- f. Personnel/Labor Committee
 1. Status of Collective Bargaining Matters Between County and Its Employees and Representatives
Heiligenstein reported he would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

10. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion - Taylor made a motion to approve accounts payable. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

No Report.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Report.

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

No Report.

14. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion - Appointment of Trustee of New Baden Fire Protection District – Paul Herzing. Jim Rakers made a motion to approve the appointment. Richter seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
2. Motion – Appointment of Trustee of Germantown Fire Protection District – Maurice Spihlmann. Albers made a motion to approve the appointment. Fix seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Motion – Heiligenstein made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussion of the status of collective bargaining matters between county and its employees and representatives. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Board went into executive session.

15. ADJOURNMENT TILL TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Motion - Heiligenstein made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday February 19, 2013. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Mary Rakers
County Clerk & Recorder